

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in the application and stand rejected as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants respectfully disagree but in the interest of passing this case to issue have amended the independent claims in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion to now recite the additional step of recording the measured or calculated value for subsequent output. Support for these amendments may be found, *inter alia*, at page 14 ll. 4-15 of the originally filed specification. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Claims 22 and 23 further stand objected to for containing insufficient antecedent basis for certain limitations. Claim 22 has been amended to address the specific objection. Furthermore, claims 20-24 have been amended to depend from claim 2 instead of claim 1, which Applicant submits now addresses all of the Examiner's objections.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that all of the Examiner's rejections have been addressed and that the application is now in condition for allowance, and respectfully urges the Examiner to pass this case to issue.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 08-2025. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 08-2025.

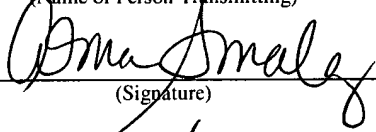
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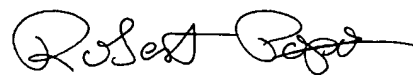


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